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4 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE
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6 Waxes prepared from hydrogenated plant oils, such as palm and soybean, are used to
7 render cellulosic materials resistant to water. Unlike cellulosic materials rendered water
8 resistant with waxes obtained using petroleum-derived or synthetic waxes, the water
9 resistant cellulosic materials prepared using this composition are recyclable using
10 conventional paper recycling methods; the composition is dispersible in warm water
11 solutions. Such water resistant materials are characterized by enhanced moisture barrier
12 properties. The compositions have a low iodine value (between 2-5), and melting points
13 between approximately 120-165 degrees F (Mettler Drop Point). The wax comprises a
14 triglyceride whose fatty acids are predominantly stearic acid (C₁₈). The composition is
15 used as an additive in the manufacture of wax coated boxes and adhesive compounds
16 used in boxboard packaging and manufacturing operations.